

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 are pending. Claim 4 has been canceled and claims 1, 5, and 6 have been amended. No new subject matter has been added.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 6 and 7 are allowable and that claims 4 and 5 would be allowable if written into independent form.

Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being allegedly anticipated over U.S. Patent No. 4, 661,339 ("The Allen reference"). Claim 1 has hereby been amended to add the limitations of claim 4 and therefore, Applicant believes it is in allowable form. Claims 2 and 3 depend from claim 1 and therefore, are also believed to now be in allowable form. It is respectfully submitted that this rejection is moot.

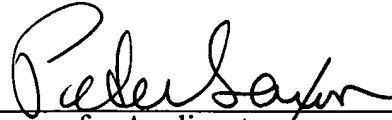
Claim 5 has been amended to depend only from claims 1-3. Since claim 1 now includes the limitations of canceled claim 4, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 5 is also hereby allowable.

Claim 6 has been amended to correct a minor typographical error.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable re-consideration and allowance of the present claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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